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A new policy directive on ORD Requirements for Human Research Protection Training is in preparation. In the interim, this is a reminder that all research team members (exclusive of secretarial support) will continue to be required to have training in Good Clinical Practices (GCP) *and* the ethical principles of human research protection before they participate in human research and annually thereafter (see [http://www1.va.gov/resdev/programs/PRIDE/policy/stand\\_down/](http://www1.va.gov/resdev/programs/PRIDE/policy/stand_down/) for guidance, and <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/programs/PRIDE/training/gcp-faq.cfm> for FAQs on training).

**By popular demand, the policy directive will include a new definition of the "annual." For the purposes of human research protection training, the guidance allows facilities to define "annual" on a fiscal year, calendar year, or 365-day basis. Please note that the facility *must specify which definition it uses in its local policies and procedures*, and monitor training accordingly.**

We anticipate that the new combined online VA course covering both GCP and the ethical principles of human research protection will be available in May 2004.

Also, please note that completion of ACE! Training satisfies the requirement for both GCP and ethical principles of human research protection.

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